MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

HIGH POINT CHURCH

High Point, North Carolina
September 15, 16, 17

1989

Next session convenes with
Meadow Creek Church
Locust, North Carolina

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Proceedings

Of The 157th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 15, 1989

The association met with High Point Primitive Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elders Joe Helms and Paul Stroupe led in prayer and Elder Roy Speir, pastor of High Point Church delivered the introductory sermon using Gal. 5:1 as his text.

After a time for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Guy Parks and convened for business. Elder Roy Speir served as Moderator, Brother Raymond Hicks served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder E. W. Hooven and Elder Richard Kirby and their status noted.

HIGH POINT: Represented by entire membership.

MEADOW CREEK: Elder Paul Stroupe, Brethren Roy Barbee, J. C. Honeycutt and Joe Robinson.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Bruce Sarber, Allen Copple, Reid Hunt and Barry Cole.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Randall Helms, Marion Byrum, Dennis Pressley and Howard Edwards.

PARK VIEW: Brethren John Joyce, Pete Smith, Elder E. W. Hooven and Brother Billy Sparks.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Vernon Medlin, Charlie Hatley, Reece Eury and Kim Honeycutt.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Claude Griffin, Roger Mullis, James Little and L. D. Mullis.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Mitch Austin, Ernest Baucom, Carl Haigler and Ray Purser.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Jesse Russell, Tom Vanhoy, Tim Goodman and Lane Vanhoy.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Charles Tomberlin, Preston Hasty, Truby High and Kirby Horne.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Steve Hinson, Jerry Honeycutt, Maurice Broadway and Buford Hinson.

BETHEL: Brother Mason Anderson, Elder W. C. Mintz, Brethren Robert Turner and W. C. Mintz, Jr.

CORINTH: Elder Richard Styers, Brethren Jim Briscoe, Jennings Hough and Dick Styers.

HERRIN'S GROVE: No representation.
JERUSALEM: No representation.
MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Randy Williams, Warren Griffin, Howard Little and Reed Shue.
NEW HOPE: Brethren Sam Campbell, C. R. Smith, Edsel Thomas and Sister Eugenia Campbell.
OAK GROVE: No representation.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None were presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elder Guy Parks, Elder Richard Kirby, Brethren J. C. Honeycutt, Dennis Pressley, Reid Hunt, John Joyce, Vernon Medlin and Randy Williams.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Rommie Williams, Elder W. C. Mintz, Brethren Claude Griffin, Carl Haigler, Preston Hasty, Steve Hinson, Sam Campbell and Jennings Hough.

5. Called for presbytery reports: None were presented.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder and Sister Seba Clifton, Elder Worth Stephenson, Brother and Sister Coleman Strickland, Brother Kenneth Stephenson.
ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder and Sister Elzie D. Speir, Sr., Brother and Sister Fred Lee.
LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Elder James Pruitt, Licentiate Ray Wagner.
FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Elder and Sister Brice Haigler, Sister Margaret Harris, Sister Inez O'Rear, Sister Dorothy Faskee, Sister June Barrow, Sister Louise Todd.
TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Brother and Sister W. B. Ogle.
ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Steve Greene, Elder Kenneth Robbins, Brother and Sister Wade Sherritze, Brother Charles Greene, Sister Harold Tipton, Sister Celeste Tipton, Brother Clinton Ritter, Brother and Sister Ray Wells, Sister Mae Adams and husband, Brother and Sister Dewey Hembree, Brother Sammy Woodfin.
MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder and Sister I. G. Heaven.
SOUTH ARKANSAS: File of minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and gladly received the following:

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Arnold Childress.
MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA: Licentiate and Sister Claude McKee, Brother Eddie Machen, Brother Brett McKee.

AMITE ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister J. M. Myers.
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Oscar Harris, Sister Alvin Puckett, Brother and Sister Harley Roberts.
KETOCTON ASSOCIATION: Elder Raymond Pressley.
MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: Elder Tim Brooks.
ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHE ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Tommy Roundtree, Elder William Claxton.
MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder and Sister Franklin Oresta, Sister Lucille Foster.
MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Julius Sammons, Sister Lenis Smith.
PREDESTINARIAN ASSOCIATION: Sister Minnie Keeter.
EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA: Brother Michael Turner.
ORIGINAL MAYO ASSOCIATION: Sister Daisy Slaughter, Brother and Sister Noel Wilson.
CHARITY CHURCH (VA): Elder Randall Saunders.
LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH (VA): Elder and Sister Richard Cox.
NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett.
BLUE RIDGE CHURCH (VA): Elder A. J. Hylton.
PULASKI CHURCH (VA): Elder and Sister Jay Harris.
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (MI): Elder and Sister Otis Buell.
ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH: Brother Scott Bullard, Brother Mike Bullard, Brother George Goins, Brother Claude Moore.
COLUMBIA CHURCH: Sister Treva Mattia.
PINE CHURCH: Brother and Sister Gernie Badgett, Brother and Sister J. W. Williams, Brother J. Ashburn Williams, Brother J. A. Bowden, Sister Evelyn Williams, Brother and Sister Clarence Brown, Brother and Sister Frank Jones, Brother and Sister C. A. Ball.
AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Dan Parker, Sister Mary Griffin, Brother and Sister Harvey Lunsford, Sister Bernice Handy, Brother and Sister Thurman Jones, Brother and Sister Woody Inge, Brother and Sister John Lawrence, Brother and Sister Thomas Lawrence.
SAINT'S DELIGHT CHURCH: Elder J. A. Langham.
MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH (VA): Sister Joyce Hodges.
NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Brother and Sister Rufus Bullins, Brother and Sister John Dillon.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association):

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th. week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder Guy Parks, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother Truby High.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st. week-end, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms, Brother Carl Haigler.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd. week-end, Aug.): Elder E. W. Hooven, Brother Richard McGee, Brother Dwayne Hooven.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Paul Stroupe, Brother Carl Haigler, Brother Howard Edwards.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd. week-end, Sept.): Elder Rommie Williams, Elder Larry Austin, Brother Mitch Austin.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd. week-end, Aug.): Elder Roy Speir, Elder Guy Parks, Brother Joe Myers, Brother Clyde Locklear, Brother Truby High, Brother Ed Pressley, Brother Ken Austin.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd. week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir, Elder Guy Parks, Brother Lane Vanhoy.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd. week-end, Sept.): File of minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Rommie Williams was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to continue at Ledford Middle School.

Benediction by Elder F. W. Stack

Saturday, September 16, 1989

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at Ledford Middle School. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder Guy Parks the association continued with business as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches	$3707.
Received from friends	$ 573.
Total	$4280.

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended Invitation for the churches of the association to request fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

October 1989	Mountain Creek
December 1989	Liberty Hill
April 1990	Park View
July 1990	Bethel

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1990 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may consider expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and His loving kindness and to the members and friends of High Point Church for their assistance during this meeting. We would, also, like to express our thanks to Mr. Gilbert Bach, Principal of Ledford Middle School and Mr. Tom Crittlebaugh, Athletic Director, for the use of the school facilities on Saturday and Sunday. Likewise, we express our appreciation to the Hasty Fire and Rescue personnel for their assistance in parking.

Benediction by Elder E. W. Hooven.

Elder Roy Speir, *moderator*
Brother Raymond Hicks, *clerk*
Brother Ken Austin, *assistant clerk*

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FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	$3707.
Received from friends	$ 573.
Total receipts	$4280.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes and all other clerk's expenses	$ 550.
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	$3730.
Total disbursements	$4280.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our corresponding Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We, of the Original Bear Creek Association, desire to extend our heart felt praise to God that we once again have been blessed to come together in this capacity.

We are reminded of days gone by as our forefathers put forth the efforts, in much prayer, that we could enjoy the fellowship of God's people. May our sincere desire and prayer to God be that we may live a life dedicated to His service, that the love and fellowship may continue in our nation.

Each time we are blessed to meet as an association and see your faces it cheers our soul so much to see a people still contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, sometimes in much affliction, desiring to serve God. When we consider the great distance many travel, the loss of rest that many suffer, the sacrifices made, and most of all the heart felt burdens God's people bear, surely God must be in the matter. For fortune or fame, a thousand times no, but for the sacred cause of our Lord and Savior's cross, a thousand times yes.

May we always esteem our brethren higher than ourselves, over look one another for good, and may our minds be stayed on that banner of love that shades an unworthy sinner's head.

Dear Lord, help us to be strong and of a sound mind that we may serve Thee in a righteous and honorable way as we live our pilgrimage here.

In christian love,
Elder Rommie Williams

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CLERK'S NOTE

I would like to express my appreciation to all who have assisted me in compiling the minutes. Thank you, also, for graciously overlooking my errors. I love you all.

Ken Austin, assistant clerk

ORDER OF SERVICES

Friday Morning

Prayer: Elder Joe Helms
Prayer: Elder Paul Stroupe
Elder Roy Speir - Gal. 5:1
Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven

Friday Afternoon:

Prayer: Elder Tim Brooks
Elder Tommy Roundtree - Isa. 9:6
Elder Eugene Bennett - Matt. 13:44-45
Prayer: Elder Richard Cox

Friday Night (High Point Church)

Prayer: Elder Roy Speir
Elder Oscar Harris - Ps. 48:12-13
Elder Steve Greene - Neh. I
Elder William Claxton - Isa. 40:1
Prayer: Elder Jay Harris

Friday Night (Park View Church)

Prayer: Elder A. J. Hylton
Elder Brice Haigler - I Cor. 10:1-4
Elder Otis Buell - Dan. 3:17
Prayer: Elder Eugene Bennett

Saturday Morning

Prayer: Elder A. J. Hylton
Elder Kenneth Robbins - Matt. 16:13-16
Elder Elzie Speir, Sr. - Eph. 2:4
Elder Dan Parker - Ps. 27:4-5
Prayer: Elder Seba Clifton

Saturday Afternoon

Prayer: Elder Richard Cox
Elder Gene Watson - Jon. 1:1
Elder J. M. Myers - Luke 22:7-8
Elder Franklin Oresta - Mark 4
Prayer: Elder James Pruitt

STATISTI

CHURCHES	PASTORS
Meadow Creek	Elder Paul Stroupe
Pleasant Hill	Elders Roy Speir & Richard Kirby
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms
Park View	Elder E. W. Hooven, Jr.
Liberty Hill	Elder Rom Kerley
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms
Union Grove	Elder Newell Helms
Mountain Creek	Elder Joe C. Helms
Lawyer's Spring	Elder Joe C. Helms
Crooked Creek	Elder Larry Austin
High Point	Elder Roy Speir
Bethel	Elder W. C. Mintz
Corinth	Elder Richard Kirby
Herrin's Grove	
Jerusalem	
Mills Chapel	Elder Rom Kerley
New Hope	Elder Rommie Williams
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack
	TOTALS

AL TABLE

Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
1st June			2					47	$ 220.
3rd June						1	3	44	200.
1st Sept			3		1	1		81	300.
3rd May	2							68	300.
1st June	1					1		90	302.
2nd July	2						2	55	280.
2nd Aug			1		2	1	2	165	450.
3rd July							1	64	350.
1st Aug	2						3	61	210.
4th July	2			2		1	1	30	125.
4th May							2	99	300.
4th June	3						2	91	225.
2nd May						1		22	100.
	NO INFORMATION RECEIVED								
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2nd June							2	58	250.
4th Aug			1					16	95.
	NOT CURRENTLY MEETING								
	12		7	2	3	6	18	991	$ 3707.

Order of Services *(continued)*

Saturday Night (High Point Church)

Prayer: Elder Julius Sammons
Elder I. G. Heaven - Acts 8:31
Elder Raymond Pressley - Eph. 1:1-6
Elder Elzie Speir, Sr. - I Thes. 5:4-9
Prayer: Elder Worth Stephenson

Saturday Night (Park View Church)

Prayer: Elder Milton Gunter
Elder J. M. Myers - Tit. 1:1-3
Elder Arnold Childress - Prov. 20:12
Prayer: Elder Richard Cox

Sunday Morning

Prayer: Elder Richard Cox
Elder I. G. Heaven - Rom. 7:4
Elder Julius Sammons - Dan. 2:27-35
Elder Worth Stephenson - I Cor. 15:12-18
Prayer: Elder Newell Helms

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HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Elders:

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In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of the following brethren and sisters since our last associational meeting:

BETHEL:	Sister Ruth Bell Sister Venna Bell Griffin
CROOKED CREEK:	Sister Eva Lois Broadway
HIGH POINT:	Sister Eva Shaffer Sister Catherine Hege
LAWYER'S SPRING:	Brother Grant McKinley Sikes Brother V. Ray Horne Sister Ruth Edwards Baucom
MILLS CHAPEL:	Sister Onie Hardy Brother Spencer Efird
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Sister Amanda Beck
PLEASANT GROVE:	Sister Connie Griffin Deacon T. B. "Bill" Curlee
PLEASANT HILL:	Sister Reba Scott Brother Elijah Lucas Brother Robert T. Copple
UNION GROVE:	Brother Gus Haigler Sister Dean M. Helms

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction. Hos. 13:14

CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning; 2nd Sunday morning, 2nd Sunday night; 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms.

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Williams; 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HERRIN'S GROVE: No information received.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

JERUSALEM: No information received.

LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Parks.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Parks.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Joe Helms.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: Mason H. Anderson, P.O. Box 345, Shallotte, NC 28495

CORINTH: Dick Styers, Box 1191, Kings Mountain, NC 28086

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 309 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079

HERRIN'S GROVE: No information received.

HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

HIGH POINT: Raymond Hicks, 2608 Briarcreek Rd., High Point, NC 27260

JERUSALEM: No information received.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 1, Box 90, Oakboro, NC 28129

MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Ave., SE,Concord, NC 28025

MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, 2075 Emmanuel Ch. Rd., Rockwell, NC 28138

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Tim Huneycutt, Rt. 3, Box 219, New London, NC 28127

NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, 100 Sam's Rd., Hopkins, SC 29061

OAK GROVE: Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, SC 29707

PARK VIEW: Dwayne Hooven, 2263 Timber Ridge Ct., Kernersville, NC 27284

PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, Route 2, Marshville, NC 28103

PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203

UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

- BETHEL: Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.
- CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.
- CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.
- HERRIN'S GROVE: Four miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, NC, 2 miles south of Highway 73 on road 1233.
- HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 North in the suburbs of Monroe, NC, 1/2 mile north of Highway 74.
- HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.
- JERUSALEM: Twelve miles north of Wadesboro, NC and approximately 3 miles east of Highway 218.
- LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.
- LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.
- MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Highway 200 North near Locust, NC.
- MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, NC.
- MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles north of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.
- NEW HOPE: Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Rd.
- OAK GROVE: Nine miles south of Wadesboro, NC just off Highway 742.
- PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, NC.
- PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, NC, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.
- PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, NC, south of Asheboro, NC.
- UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 North (Morgan Mill Rd.) approximately 4 miles north of Highway 74, Monroe, NC.